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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff,

V.

ALFONZO WILLIAMS, et al, Defendants.

Case No. 13-cr-00764-WHO

CORRECTED SECOND ORDER REVISING PRE-TRIAL SCHEDULE

Jury selection for the trial of the first group of defendants will commence on October 23, 2017, with opening statements to follow after empanelment. The first group will include defendants Reginald Elmore, Esau Ferdinand, Adrian Gordon, Monzell Harding, Charles Heard and Jaquain Young. Trial of the second group, which includes defendants Antonio Gilton, Barry Gilton, Lupe Mercado, Paul Robeson and Alfonso Williams, will commence no later than May 14, 2018. Counsel for Antonio Gilton, Barry Gilton and Alfonso Williams shall notify the Court promptly if the conflicts they have identified are resolved prior to that date.

Two Pre-Trial Conferences will be held for the first group. The initial conference is set for September 8, 2017 at 9 a.m. and the final conference is set for October 6, 2017 at 9 a.m.

I. PRE-TRIAL DATES

September 11, 2017:

Jencks Act materials and transcripts² produced pursuant to the Heightened (i)

I have considered Defendant Jaquain Young's Objection to the Government's Suggestion Regarding Trial Groupings and agree with the government's request regarding grouping.

² Since the defendants speak English, translations of recordings will not be necessary. If any party believes that it will be helpful to the jury to have a transcript of recordings to follow, the transcript should be exchanged by this date to see if agreement can be reached on its accuracy and utility.

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Protective Order. Defendants' review date: October 2, 2017.

August 28, 2017:

- (i) File trial memorandum that briefly states the legal bases for the charges and the anticipated evidence, and addresses any evidentiary, procedural, or other anticipated legal issues.
- File proposed jury instructions on all substantive issues and on any (ii) procedural issue not adequately covered by the Ninth Circuit Manual of Model Jury Instructions. The submission shall contain both agreed upon instructions (which shall be so noted), and contested instructions, all in the order in which they should be read to the jury. Where contested instructions are included, they should be annotated both with the proponent's authority for seeking the instruction and the opponent's reason for opposition. Counsel shall deliver to Chambers a copy of the joint submission, on a CD/DVD in Word format. The label shall include the case number and a description of the documents. Each requested instruction shall be typed in full on a separate page and citations to the authorities upon which the instruction is based shall be included. Instructions shall be brief, clear, written in plain English, and free of argument. Pattern or form instructions shall be revised to address the particular facts and issues of this case. If the parties wish to have a preliminary statement read to the jury, they shall jointly prepare and file the text of the proposed preliminary statement at least seven days prior to the second Pre-trial Conference.
 - (iii) Serve and lodge a proposed form of verdict.
- (iv) Counsel shall confer and be prepared to discuss with the Court at the first Pre-trial Conference any anticipated evidentiary objections and any means for shortening and simplifying the trial (by stipulating to such matters as chain of custody, nature of substances, use of the mails, etc.);
- (v) Counsel should submit an agreed upon set of additional requested voir dire questions to be posed by the Court. Any voir dire questions on which counsel cannot agree shall be submitted separately. We will discuss the length of follow up voir dire by counsel at the second Pre-trial Conference.

August 21, 2017:

- (i) File oppositions to motions in limine.
- (ii) Provide lists of recordings.
- (iii) Provide non-Jencks impeachment for civilians.

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(i) File motions in limine.

August 7, 2017:

(i) Exchange motions in limine. Any party wishing to have motions in limine heard prior to the commencement of trial must exchange, file and serve same in accordance with this Order. All motions in limine shall be contained in one document, limited to 25 pages and prepared in accordance with Civil L. R. 7-2(b), with each motion listed as a subheading. Opposition to the motions in limine shall be contained in one document, limited to 25 pages, with corresponding subheadings. No reply papers will be considered. The motions will be heard at the first Pre-trial Conference or at such other time as the Court may direct.

July 24, 2017:

File final exhibit list and serve copies of all marked exhibits on all parties. One set of exhibits shall be provided to the Court in Chambers on the Friday prior to the trial date, in binders, marked, tabbed, and indexed in accordance with Local Rule 16-10(b)(7). Exhibits shall be identified as follows:

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Blocks of numbers shall be assigned to fit the needs of the case (e.g., Plaintiff has 1-999, Defendants have 1000 and above). The parties shall not mark duplicate exhibits (e.g., plaintiff and defendant shall not mark the same exhibit; only one copy of the exhibit shall be marked).

Upon the conclusion of the trial, each party shall retain its exhibits through the appellate process. It is each party's responsibility to make arrangements with the Clerk of Court to file the record on appeal.

- (ii) File Jury Questionnaires.
- (iii) Exchange and lodge with the Court a final witness list, including a brief summary of the testimony of each witness, disclosed pursuant to the Heightened Protective Order; defendants review date is three weeks before trial.

II. ADDITIONAL MATTERS

A. Trial Days

The normal trial schedule will be from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (or slightly longer to finish a witness), with two fifteen minute breaks. Trial is usually held from Monday through Friday. If there are matters that need to be taken up outside the presence of the jury, alert the Courtroom Deputy and they will be taken up before the jury arrives in the morning or after they leave. Side bar conferences will not be allowed absent extraordinary circumstances. I anticipate that we will not hold trial November 20 - 24, 2017 or December 21, 2017 - January 2, 2018.

B. Opening Statements

Parties must meet and confer to exchange any visuals, graphics, or exhibits to be used in opening statements. Unless otherwise agreed, the exchange must occur no later than the close of business on the Wednesday before trial. Any objections not resolved must be filed in writing by the Thursday before trial. The parties shall be available on the Friday before trial to discuss with the Court any disagreements.

C. Exhibits/Binders

No witness may be shown a document or other object until it has been marked for identification using an exhibit number. Without the express permission of the Court, the jury may not be shown an exhibit until admitted into evidence or stipulated to as admissible by the parties. If a party expects to use more than two documents with a witness, a witness binder shall be prepared for the witness, opposing party and Court.

D. Identification of Witnesses

Witnesses expected to testify shall be identified to the opposing party shall be disclosed to the opposing party no later than 2 p.m. the business day before the expected testimony.

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E.	Co	pies

Each document filed or lodged with the Court must be accompanied by a three-hole punched copy for use in the Judge's chambers. In addition, one copy of the witness and exhibit lists should be furnished to the court reporter.

F. Transcripts

Should a daily transcript and/or realtime reporting be desired, the parties shall make arrangements with Richard Duvall, Court Reporter Supervisor, at 415-522-2079 or Richard Duvall@cand.uscourts.gov, at least 14 calendar days prior to the trial date.

G. Change of Plea

Counsel shall give prompt notice to the United States Attorney and to the Court of any intention to change a previously entered not guilty plea.

Dated: April 12, 2017

